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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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BATAVIA PLANTATIONS TRUST

SHAREHOLDERS OPPOSE CAPITAL INCREASE

LONDON, March 28.
Mr. Justice Römer heard a motion by Sir T. D. Pile and other dissentient shareholders to restrain the Batavia and General Plantations Trust Limited from acting on a resolution of March 6 for an increase of capital by half a million two shilling preference shares on the ground that the object was to enable the directors to obtain control against the wishes of the majority of the shareholders.

Defendant's counsel said there was no ulterior object and the purpose of the issue was to retain the Company's paramount interest in the Medansche Company. His Lordship held that it was impossible to say the Directors were not acting in the best interests of the Company and made no order on the motion.

A LOSING GAME.

AMERICAN SHIP OPERATORS' OPINION.

WASHINGTON, March 28.
The United States Ship Operators' Association has advised the Shipping Board to scrap all unseaworthy tonnage and sell the good tonnage to American operators only. The steamship owners' association tendered similar advice. The operators' letter declares that under present world shipping conditions with the existing laws it is plain that American shipowners can operate only at a loss in foreign trade.

MERCANTILE MARINE.

REDUCTIONS IN PAY.

LONDON, March 28.
The question of the readjustment of the pay of the mercantile marine was settled at a meeting of the National Maritime Board in London attended by representatives of the chief shipping interests and seafarers' unions. It was agreed that from April 16, the basic rate of wages for seamen, firemen and the catering departments should be reduced by a pound a month. It was also agreed that the scales of pay of navigating and engineering officers be revised from the same date.

SINGAPORE DOCKYARD SCHEME.

£11,000,000 TO BE SPENT.

LONDON, March 28.
In the House of the Commons, replying to a question, Commander Eyres Monsell said that half of the eleven millions to be expended on the naval Dockyard at Singapore will be expended upon materials derived as far as possible within the Empire. The balance will be expended on labour. Probably the foremen will be of the higher grades. The supervising staff will be British or colonial. Other workmen will be recruited locally if possible.

NEW ZEALAND POLITICS.

WELLINGTON, March 28.

The Government retained Tauranga at a by-election, the result being:—
Mr. McMillan (Reformist) 4250.
Sir Joseph Ward (Liberal) 3034.
The loss of the seat would have reduced the Government's apparent majority to one. Mr. Massey was very actively electioneering in the constituency for a fortnight.

PROPOSED GERMAN LOAN.

REPARATIONS COMMISSION'S REMINDER.

PARIS, March 28.
The Reparations Commission in a note to Germany asserts a priority right over all the resources of the Reich but does not indicate what action the Commission will take in connection with the loan. It states that the Commission does not challenge Germany's right to issue a loan but reparations and other treaty charges take precedence over payment of interest and capital.

CARPENTERS' DISPUTE.

NO AGREEMENT YET.

Originals from a dispute as to the interpretation of a clause in an agreement come to some thing ago, the trouble between the master and working carpenters has not been settled as yet.

applies only to work contracts for which were made after the agreement was signed. The union on the other hand, understand that there is no distinction. They argue that their class form the minority of builders and that the increase is so small that it would not affect the contractors even if the higher rates of pay had not been calculated in contracts.

STINNES IN ITALY.

AMERICAN MISSION TO BERLIN.

LONDON, March 28.
The visit of Hugo Stinnes to Italy which he has just left for Berlin has revived rumours of the possibility of mediation between France and Germany. Herr Stinnes conferred in Rome with Italian cabinet ministers and American business men and financiers including Mr. Gary, president of the Steel Corporation, on the subject of reparations. It is reported in Rome that an unofficial American mission of financial enquiry with shortly proceed to Berlin. It is noteworthy that the Belgian Foreign Minister Mr. Jaspar, conferred with Signor Mussolini at Milan.

MINERS' WAGES.

DECISION OF CONFERENCE.

LONDON, March 28.
The miners' conference, discussing the denunciation of the national wages agreement has decided to refer the question to the districts. Meanwhile the executive will consult the owners and try to obtain an amendment of the Minimum Wage Act to provide a wage equal to the cost of living.

AMERICAN SUGAR.

RETAIL COST RAPIDLY RISING.

ST. AUGUSTINE, (FLORIDA) March 28.
The rapid rise in the price of sugar, the retail cost of which is twelve cents a pound compared with five cents last month has prompted President Harding to order an enquiry with a view to reducing the duty if the tariff is found to be responsible for the increase.

IRISH BUDGET.

DISSATISFACTION IN DUBLIN.

DUBLIN, March 28.
Dissatisfaction is freely expressed with the budget of £42,000,000. It is pointed out that this is ten millions more than the expenditure under British rule for the whole country. The deficit is apparently some £15,000,000.

INTER-VARSITY GOLF.

OXFORD WIN SINGLES.

LONDON, March 28.
At Rye in bright weather with a strong wind, in the inter-Varsity golf singles Oxford beat Cambridge by 6 matches to 3, the aggregate being 9 matches to 3.

NEW YORK'S MUSICIANS.

MORE PAY WANTED.

NEW YORK, March 28.
The musicians in the theatres and cinemas have decided to strike for increased wages.

MINERS' AND EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

LONDON, March 28.
An important lead to the Miners' Federation to which they are affiliated has been given by the Cleveland Ironstone miners deciding to accede to the employers' request to revert to the eight-hour day.

MOPLAH LEADER SENTENCED.

CALCUTTA, March 28.
The rebel leader Thangal who was responsible for last year's Moplah rebellion has been sentenced to death.

FRENCH GENERAL DEAD.

PARIS, March 28.
General Maunoury, victor of the battle of Oureq, died of heart failure aboard the Paris-Bordeaux express.

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A Quantity of
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Comprising:-
Teak hatstand, Chesterfield Couch
and armchairs, Teak overmantel with
bevelled mirror, Brass ornaments, Pic-
tures, Carpets, curtains, etc., etc.
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chairs, Teak sideboard, Dinner wagon,
Teak screen, Glassware, Crockery,
Cutlery, etc., etc.
Iron Bedsteads, Teak Wardrobes,
Teak dressing table with bevelled
mirror, teak washstand with marble
top, Chest of drawers, etc., etc.

And
A Quantity of Plants and palms
On View from Monday, the 2nd
April 1923.
Catalogues will be issued.
Terms:-Cash on delivery.
LAMBERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 27, 1923.

THE Undernavigated have received in-
structions from Mrs. Rosser to sell
by Public Auction,

on
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY,
the 4th and 5th April 1923,
commencing each day at 3.45 p.m.
at "Harting" and "Rogate"
Auction Room, Kowloon.

The Whole of her
Valuable Household Furniture,
Comprising:-
Teak hatstand with bevelled mirror,
Chesterfield Couch and armchairs (cro-
tonne covered), Teak bookcase, Music
Cabinet, Teak fenders, Fire brasses,
Leather covered armchairs, Roll top
desk, card table, Teak overmantels
with bevelled mirror, Brass ornaments,
Curtains, Carpets, Rugs, etc., etc.
Teak dining table and chairs, Fine
teak sideboard with bevelled mirror,
Dinner wagon, Silver cabinet, Croc-
kery, Glassware, Cutlery, E.P. Ware
etc., etc.
Double and single teak and iron
bedsteads, Teak double and single
wardrobes with glass doors, Dressing
tables, Marble top washstands, Chests
of drawers, Toilet sets, etc., etc.

Also
Cooking stoves and cooking utensils
One Piano by Moutrie
One Victrola IX

And
1 Lot of records.
On View from Tuesday, the 2nd
April 1923

Catalogues will be issued.
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LAMBERT BROS.,
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Hongkong, March 28, 1923.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale

of the
**Very Valuable Leasehold
Property**
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All the piece or parcel of ground
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June 1859 created by the Crown Lease
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Hongkong, March 23, 1923.

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10 hours.

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signed.

Terms:-20% of purchase money to
be paid on fall of hammer.
Balance to be paid within two weeks
of day of sale.
LAMBERT BROS.,
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Hongkong, March 15, 1923.

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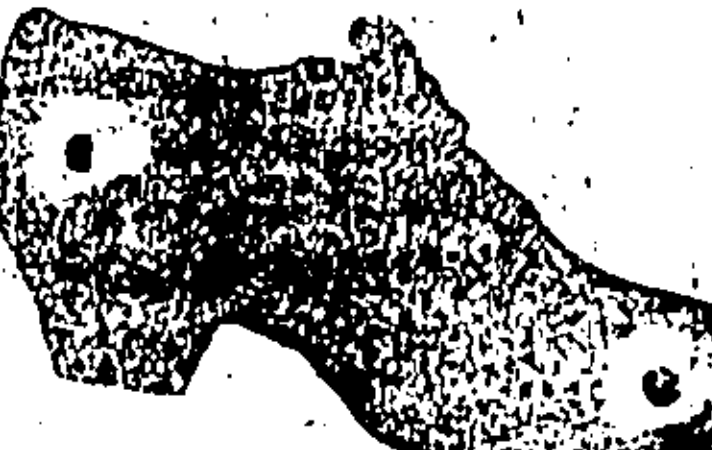
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A much-travelled baby arrived
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liner "Olympic." He was Master
John Marriott, son of Major and
Mrs. Marriott, and grandson of Mr.
Otto Kahn, the New York million-
aire. The baby, who is only a
year and nine months old, com-
pleted his fourth Atlantic crossing
and so has travelled over 12,000
miles. He has returned from a
three months' visit to his grand-
parents in New York.

Stocking Fashions.

In nothing do the fashions change
more quickly than in stockings
(says the Star.) A few months ago
the "seam running up the back of
the leg was considered essential.
Now women of fashion are wear-
ing, even at afternoon functions in
town, broad ribbed seamless stock-
ings of thick silk or "nylon." The
prejudice in favour of the seam
was doubtless due to the fact that
those stockings without it were
formerly of the cheaper kinds and
badly fashioned.

Cheap Nitrates.

The war did a great deal of
damage to the nitrate industry of
Chile, owing to the interference
with exports, and the competition
of works established in Norway
and elsewhere for separating
nitrogen from atmospheric air by
means of the electric arc. Since
the armistice, however, the demand
for nitrates has lessened to such an
extent that the business of produc-
ing them, artificially has almost
ceased to be profitable. Some of
the largest works have closed
down, although we hear of others
being projected. Thus Chile is
now enabled to regain the market
for the nitrate of soda which she
digs out of the ground, where, in a
desert region, it was deposited by
the evaporation of vanished lakes.
But a fact of special importance in
this connection is that a new
process is claimed for extracting
this nitrate of soda, by which cost
is so greatly reduced that it can
underbid the artificial product.

Chocolate Boxes.

Even those persons of
encyclopaedic knowledge oc-
casionally to be met with, would
probably be puzzled if they were
asked when chocolate sweets were
first put into fancy decorated boxes
(suggests the Daily Telegraph.) The
much-regretted death of Mr. George
Cadbury is a reminder of the fact,
recalled now by few only, that it
was the Bourneville firm, in days
prior to the building of that
pioneer garden city which first
made the innovation. To the late
Mr. Richard Cadbury, brother of
the gentleman who has just passed
away, is due the original idea,
which he put into effect as far back
as 1866. Mr. Richard Cadbury was
an amateur artist of much taste,
and from his studies were derived
the pictures that appear on many of
the earliest boxes to be thus
adorned. He liked painting pretty
children amid pleasant surround-
ings, and he also loved Swiss
landscapes and mountain flowers,
and these are the influences that pre-
vail in these earliest decorations.
Many of these first boxes and their
colour prints have been preserved
by the firm, and have on occasions
been shown at exhibitions.

Artistic Boxes.

The story of an amazing artistic
box occupied the attention of the
Paris courts when an art dealer

sued another for 90,000 francs, the price
paid for a picture which he believed
to be a Whistler but which was
afterwards discovered to be a
forgery. It should be said that the
artist, named Stassy, who painted
the picture had not the least inten-
tion of deceiving anyone, and was
astonished when he found his
own canvas labelled as a Whistler.

In 1905 M. Stassy and a brother
artist, M. Bebin, challenged each
other to a pictorial contest. They
were both to paint the same
model of still life between
dawn and sunset, the one whose
picture was judged the better win-
ning a small stake. Three years
later Stassy exchanged his picture
for an old camera, and the dealer
who made the bargain resold the
canvas for 80 francs to an unknown
purchaser. All trace of the picture
was then lost until it was found re-
produced in a book on Whistler as
one of the master's authentic works.
The discovery was made by M.
Bebin, who had also sold his picture
of still life, only to find that the
purchaser later accused him of
having copied a Whistler picture,
a photograph of which he pointed
out in the book referred to. M.
Bebin and M. Stassy were agreed
that the picture reproduced was M.
Stassy's own work, and they
began careful inquiries as to its
whereabouts. When M. Stassy
finally discovered his picture it was
exposed in a dealer's shop and
priced at 150,000 francs. He learned that
the dealer had bought it for
50,000 francs from a German, who had
paid 30,000 francs for it to a certain
Englishman. In a suit against the
dealer M. Stassy was awarded 15
damages, after the picture had been
certified by experts as his own
work. The dealer's only course
was therefore to sue the man from
whom he bought it, who may sue
someone else; and so on, until the
picture is traced back to the stage at
which a few cunning touches trans-
formed an 80 franc Stassy into a
Whistler.

Surprise Viscount.

Professor Charles Fellow an-
nounced that when he sails
for England to take his place
as seventh Viscount Exmouth he
will be accompanied by his bride,
now Miss Mabel Gray, of New
York, who was prominent during
the war in Red Cross work. The
professor, who is 59 years of
age, told the Press that he in-
tended to renounce his American
citizenship and "play the game as
a titled Britisher." Not having
been reared in the expectancy of
being a viscount, he smilingly said
he was prepared to "begin training
before the end of the year, and as
a preliminary would marry his old
friend, Miss Gray, whose acquain-
tance he made when they were at
Columbia University together. The
new viscount does not inherit
any property, but says he is
"certain that a Government
grant goes with the title." Miss
Gray told the interviewers
that she never expected to be a
viscountess, and that, as a quiet,
old-fashioned person, she would be
quite content as her husband's wife.
She confessed that she "did not
know precisely what the social re-
sponsibilities of a viscountess are."
She is a Unitarian, and the viscount
is an Episcopalian, but they are
broad minded, and just what
church will be selected for the
wedding would not occasion them
too much anxiety. Miss Gray,
the daughter of the late Mr.
Richard Gray, formerly general
manager of the Southern
Pacific Railway in California. She
became engaged last August, when
the prospect of her fiancé ever sit-
ting in the House of Lords was ex-
tremely remote. Professor Fellow's
father was over 94 years old, and
remained an American citizen till
he died at Washington recently,
and the title came to his son.

INTIMATIONS

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Imports and exports will be closed on GOOD
FRIDAY, the 30th March. It will be opened
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March and MONDAY, the 2nd April.
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J. D. LLOYD, Superintendent,
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Hongkong, March 29, 1923.

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from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. and from
6 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.

On SATURDAY, the 31st instant,
all departments will be open as usual.
Hongkong, March 27, 1923.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the
lotting by Public Auction Sale, to be
held on TUESDAY, the 3rd day of
April, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Office
of the Public Works Department, by Order
of His Excellency the Governor of one
lot of CROWN LAND at Battery Street
in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of
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THE ANNUAL SPORTS will be held at 1.30 p.m. on THURSDAY, 29th March, at Happy Valley. Prizes will be distributed by LADY STUBBS at 5.30 p.m.—There will be an Old Boys' Race of 220 yards. All Old Boys are cordially invited to join.

Hongkong, March 28, 1923.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANT TEACHERS (European) are required at once. Applications, with particulars of qualifications and experience, and copies of testimonials should be addressed to

THE HON. DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
Education Department,
Hongkong, March 24, 1923.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

SHIELD FINALS

(Club Ground),
Happy Valley,
SATURDAY, 31st March.

JUNIOR

S.C.A. v. King's, Kick off 3 p.m.

SENIOR

Kowloon v. King's, Kick off 4.40 p.m.

Stands \$1 and 50 cents.
Services in Uniform 30 Cents.

NOTICE.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD., beg to announce that Departments for the sale of Fresh Fish, Fruits and Vegetables will be opened at the Peak Hotel Store on TUESDAY, 3rd April, from which date the following may be procured:—

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Ice, The Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold

Storage Co., Ltd.

Ice obtained at this Store will be

charged at the rate of 1½ cents per lb.

other prices remain as usual.

It is hoped that all residents of the

Peak Districts will avail themselves of

this Store.

Hongkong, March 27, 1923.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM THIS DATE and during the

absence of the undersigned from the

Colony, Mr. PAUL LAUDER is

appointed Acting General Manager of

the Society.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

General Manager.

Hongkong, March 28, 1923.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM THIS DATE and during the

absence of the undersigned from the

Colony, Mr. PAUL LAUDER is

appointed Acting General Manager of

the Company.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

General Manager.

Hongkong, March 28, 1923.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM THIS DATE and during the

absence of the undersigned from the

Colony, Mr. PAUL LAUDER is

appointed Acting General Manager of

the Company.

By Order of the Board,

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THIS PROSPECTUS HAS BEEN DULY FILED WITH THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES.

The Subscription List will open on SATURDAY, the 24th day of March 1923 and close on or before SATURDAY, the 31st day of March 1923.

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

Incorporated under the Companies Ordinance 1911-1921.

Capital \$2,000,000 divided into 200,000 shares of \$10 each.

Of the above shares 100,000 have already been subscribed for cash by the Directors and their friends. On these \$250 per share will be paid on application and the balance when called up on the same basis as the remaining capital.

In addition the Directors are allotting 30,000 shares credited as fully paid up under the terms of the Option and subsequent correspondence thereon referred to in paragraph (a) hereof.

The remaining 70,000 shares ranking equally with those already subscribed are now offered for public subscription payable as to \$250 per share on application. The balance due on each share, viz., \$750 will be called up on subsequent demand as and when further capital is required.

Any of the shares now offered to the public which may not be subscribed for will be allotted in such manner as the Directors shall determine.

DIRECTORS.

JOHN SCOTT HARSTON,

1, Des Voeux Road Central,

Hongkong,

Solicitor & Notary Public.

Hon. Mr. CHOW SHOU SON,

Bank of East Asia, Ltd.,

Des Voeux Road Central,

Hongkong.

Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council.

JAMES HARPER TAGGART,

Managing Director,

Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.,

Powell's Building,

Hongkong.

The Very Rev. FATHER LEON ROBERT,

Procureur General des Missions Etrangeres,

1, Battery Path,

Hongkong.

ARTHUR RYLANDS LOWE,

3, Queen's Road Central,

Hongkong,

Chartered Accountant.

FRANK MALCOLM LANE CRAWFORD,

Managing Director,

Lane Crawford, Ltd.,

Chater Road,

Hongkong.

FUNG TAT HANG,

Comptroller,

Hongkong Hotel,

Hongkong.

PETER KINGSON KWOK,

Bank of East Asia, Ltd.,

Des Voeux Road Central,

Hongkong,

Merchant.

BANKERS.

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

AUDITORS.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,

Alexandra Building,

Des Voeux Road Central,

Victoria, Hongkong.

SOLICITORS.

Messrs. DEACON, HARSTON & SHENTON,

1, Des Voeux Road Central,

Victoria, Hongkong.

REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE COMPANY.

Powell's Building, (2nd floor),

Des Voeux Road Central,

Hongkong.

SECRETARY OF THE COMPANY (pro tem).

T. A. BARRY,

Powell's Building, (2nd floor),

Des Voeux Road Central,

Hongkong.

PROSPECTUS.

(a) This Company has been formed principally to acquire by purchase (under the terms of the Option and subsequent correspondence thereon hereinafter mentioned) from Lane Crawford Limited (whose Registered Office is situated at 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong) and develop by building thereon the land registered in the Land Office as Section A of Marine Lot No. 7 and commonly known as "The Wiseman Site" situated in Des Voeux Road Central Hongkong. The purchase price of the land is \$1,000,000, \$300,000 of which will be satisfied by the issue to Lane Crawford Limited of 30,000 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up. Of the remainder of the purchase price, \$148,781.50 will be paid in cash, and the balance of \$551,218.50 will be satisfied by the taking over by the Company from Lane Crawford Limited of the Mortgage (repayable on the 30th April 1927) for that amount now subsisting on the property in favour of Lane Crawford Limited and carrying interest at 8% per annum.

In addition to the purchase price payable as above, the Company will under the Option hereinafter mentioned, pay the brokerage of one per cent. on the purchase price amounting to \$10,000 which is referred to in paragraph (b) hereof, and also indemnify Lane Crawford Limited to the extent of \$26,394.30 in respect of the Plans and Specifications referred to in paragraph (c) hereof.

The Option for the acquisition of such land bears date the 5th day of March 1923 and is made between Lane Crawford Limited as Vendors of the one part and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, one of the partners in the firm of Deacon, Harston & Shenton the above mentioned Solicitors to the Company, as Trustees for the Company of the other part. A copy of this Option and the subsequent correspondence thereon can be inspected at the office of the said Solicitors to the Company (No. 1 Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong) at any time during business hours. A copy of the Mortgage above referred to, which bears date the 5th day of May 1922 and is for a term of Five years from that date can also be inspected at the same place and time.

There are no other Contracts relating to the land to be acquired by this Company.

On the land to be acquired as above by the Company it is proposed to erect a modern seven-story building with a Basement, so as to afford accommodation for Stores, Shops, a Safe Deposit Vault, and First-class Office Rooms, particularly suitable to professional people. The Site is considered to be especially favourable for such a building, being in the centre of the business part of the City and close to the Hotels, Banks and Shipping Offices, etc.

(b) In respect of the above mentioned Option a brokerage of 1% on the purchase price of \$1,000,000 amounting to \$10,000 is payable by the Company to the Solicitors to the Company in respect of the sale of the land the subject of such Option.

(c) Under the last mentioned Option the Company are to be under the obligation of indemnifying Lane Crawford Limited to the extent not exceeding \$26,394.30 in respect of the Plans and Specifications referred to in paragraph (c) hereof.

(d) No other commission or remuneration money will be paid by the Company.

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above named Company is issuing a Prospectus dated the 23rd day of March, 1923, a copy of which has been filed with the Registrar of Companies, inviting subscriptions at par for 70,000 shares of \$10 each payable as to \$250 per share on application and as to the balance on subsequent demand as and when further capital is required.

The subscription list is now open and will be closed on or before the 31st day of March 1923.

Copies of the Prospectus and forms of Application can be obtained from the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and from the temporary offices of the Company in Powell's Building, (Second Floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

This Notice is not to be regarded as an invitation to the public to subscribe for shares and application will only be received on the footing of the full prospectus and in the form issued therewith.

Dated this 24th day of March, 1923.

T. A. BARRY,
Powell's Building,
Hongkong,
Secretary (pro tem.)

GOOD FRIDAY

at 9.15 p.m.

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THE CHINA YEAR BOOK—1923.

THE New Issue of the CHINA YEAR BOOK—A massive volume of 1195 pages with a comprehensive index and a portrait of and a message from President LI YUAN-HUNG will be published on or about March 31. It will be on sale in two editions, on bound in dark blue cloth at \$12.50 and the other in half-leather at \$15.00, Local Currency. Orders will be received by any local bookseller.

NOTICE.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LTD. beg to advise their numerous patrons that their various Departments will be open during the EASTER HOLIDAYS as follows:—

DAIRY DEPARTMENT.

FRIDAY, 30th March	6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
	2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
SATURDAY, 31st	6 a.m. to 1 p.m.
	2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, 1st April	6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
	2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
MONDAY, 2nd	6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
	2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

BUTCHERY DEPARTMENT.

FRIDAY, 30th March	6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
	6 a.m. to 1 p.m.
SATURDAY, 31st	2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
	6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
SUNDAY, 1st April	6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
	6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
MONDAY, 2nd	6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
	2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ICE DEPOT.

FRIDAY, 30th March	6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
	2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
SATURDAY, 31st March	6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
	10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
	2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, 1st April	6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
	2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
MONDAY, 2nd April	6 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
	2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

- (a) The Company is to pay all preliminary expenses of and incident to the formation and floating of the Company, down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business and also all costs and expenses in connection with the acquisition of the land and the assignment thereof to the Company, the estimated amount whereof is \$20,000.
- (b) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is seven shares.
- (c) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of \$1,000 shares in the Company and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be \$1,000 per annum.
- (d) Directors are interested in the promotion of the Company as follows:—
 - (1) As to Mr. Harston in respect of the brokerage mentioned in clause (b)
 - (2) As to Messrs. Taggart, Lowe, Crawford and Harston to the extent that they are Directors of Lane Crawford Limited, who are the Vendors of the land to be acquired by the Company.
 - (3) As to Messrs. Taggart, Lowe and Harston to the extent that they are Directors in the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited who are Shareholders in Lane Crawford Limited.
 - (4) As to the Rev. Father Robert to the extent that he is a Director of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Company Limited, who are Shareholders in Lane Crawford Limited, the Vendors above said.
 - (5) As to all the Directors other than The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, Fung Tat Hang and Peter Kingson Kwok that they or some of them are Directors of other Companies with whom the Company may do business.
- (e) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company can be inspected at the aforementioned office of the Solicitors to the Company at any time during business hours.
- (f) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to the Prospectus and forms part of it.
- (g) Application for shares should be made upon the form attached to the Prospectus, which should be detached therefrom and sent to the Company's Bankers (The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation) together with a remittance of \$250 per share, the amount of the deposit.
- (h) Where no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full, and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, a proportionate amount of the deposit will be returned.
- (i) Proposals can be imposed and terms of Application obtained from the Company's Bankers (The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation) and at the temporary offices of the Company in Powell's Building, (Second Floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

Dated the 23rd day of March, 1923.

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The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1923.

ENROL NOW.

Despite the Government's ready support, the General's keen interest and the Commandant's hard work, the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps lacks the numbers it should possess, considering the value of its work and the size of the Colony. Making his annual inspection yesterday, Major-General Sir John Fowler saw the reason for this in Hongkong having "very little of what he might call public opinion supporting the corps." Assuredly everyone will agree with him that here lies cause for regret, for misgiving, even. Most people do not realise, as he said, that the Corps is very much needed here, serving the whole community as an insurance against possible disturbances entailing loss of life and property. Every community, even the most orderly, must face the fact that trouble can arise, sometimes out of the most harmless issue. Always there are elements ready to seize the first pretext for riot or pillage. The presence of a strong Volunteer Defence Corps not only makes it easy to suppress these disorders when they break out; it also acts as a heavy deterrent against them breaking out at all. Some people will promptly reply that our standing military force provides ample protection. That argument, however, begs the question, entirely ignoring the very useful work the Corps did during the summer strike here. Manifestly, then, the public's apathy in this respect, as Sir John Fowler said yesterday, is very short-sighted. Everyone will

echo his hope that the Colony's manhood, especially the younger men, will bestir themselves and swell the ranks of the Corps. Apart from any sense of civic duty, they should find it useful for the splendid training, the recreation facilities and the social intercourse offered.

FRENCH BANK PROSPECTS.

Yesterday's leader conveyed the impression that Banque Industrielle de Chine depositors' interests were involved in the impending debate regarding "the tradiness of the Banque's affairs." That impression we wish to correct. The clamour for Andre Berthelot's trial, unlike previous political moves, does not in any way affect depositors' interests, nor does it in any way delay the work of the specially formed Societe Francaise de Garantie de la Banque Industrielle de Chine which is settling the claims of the Banque's creditors and (2) continuing on behalf of the Banque Industrielle de Chine all banking operations, especially in the Far East. Thus it will be seen that depositors' rights have now been made completely independent of the political intrigues which defeated previous salvage attempts and which are now seeking Berthelot's scalp.

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A better medicine can not be made than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It relieves the most severe cases of cough, croup, whooping cough, and all other respiratory troubles. It is a healthy and is perfectly safe to take. For sale by all Chemists and Dispensaries.

SPECIAL CABLE.

"RANEE" DISASTER.

"BORIBAT" CAPTAINS EVIDENCE.

(China Mail Special.)

SINGAPORE, March 29. Giving evidence at the marine enquiry in connection with the sinking of the Straits steamer "Ranee" Captain Mathieson, master of the "Boribat," said he was lying on a stretcher just prior to the collision and must have fallen asleep. The "Ranee" on the bridge awakened him when the "Ranee" was near the starboard and eleventh hour efforts failed, the collision occurring at 11.40 p.m.

ASTOR HOUSE TRAGEDY.

EUROPEAN FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Yesterday morning, a European was found dead in bed in a room in the Astor House. He had booked the room the previous evening and was dead for some time before he was discovered by a "boy."

From papers found on him the police believe him to be a Mr. J. G. Jungling of Shanghai. Very little is known of him here except that on Tuesday he went straight from hospital to the hotel. Deceased is about 35 years of age and is believed to be married. A post-mortem is being held to-day.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The "China Mail" will not appear to-morrow, Good Friday.

All insurance offices will be closed on Friday, Saturday and Monday.

The first annual meeting of the Peak Residents' Association will be held on Thursday, April 12, instead of April 5.

One case each of small-pox, cerebro-spinal fever and puerperal fever, and two of diphtheria (including one imported) were reported yesterday. All the cases were Chinese.

The Daily Mail says that on her marriage, Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon will become H. R. H. the Duchess of York, taking precedence after Princess Mary as the fourth lady in the land.

The Hongkong Jockey Club will hold its first gymkhana for 1923 on Saturday week, April 7, weather permitting. As usual ladies are invited by the stewards to be present and soldiers and sailor in uniform will be admitted half price.

The Tokyo Municipality has decided to construct an underground tramway between Toranomon and the Central Meteorological Observatory, a distance of two miles. The work will be taken in hand in the course of next month at the estimated cost of ¥7,000,000.

Amongst the honours recently announced in the Swedish Government Gazette, is the Royal Order of the Nord-Sjarn (Polar Star) conferred upon Mr. H. von Heidenstam, of the Swedish Corps of Royal Engineers, Engineer-in-Chief to the Whangpoo Conservancy Board.

The death occurred at Yokohama on the March 1 of Capt. Edwin P. Simpson-Kaiki, for some years associated with the N. Y. K. and the E. and E. Line on the run between Australia and Japan and for the last eight years surveyor to Lloyd agents in Yokohama. The end came very suddenly. He was 53 years of age and leaves a wife and two children.

Kwong Kuei-yuen, the landlord of No. 10 Queen's Road West, sued the King Chan Firm for \$90 in respect of two months' rent claimed between December 18 and February 15 at the Supreme Court yesterday, before the Justice Judge, (Mr. Justice Gompertz). After the facts had been put forward, His Honour decided to adjourn the case in order that other witnesses might be called.

His many friends will learn with pleasure that upon the recommendation of General Ho Feng-ling, Military Governor of Shanghai and Sungkiang, and Mr. Hsu Yuan, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, the Chinese Government has conferred upon Mr. N. O. Liddell, the retiring Secretary and Commissioner-General of the Shanghai Municipal Council, the fourth class order of the Chinese (Excellent Cross) in recognition of his valuable work and for his cordial co-operation with the local Chinese authorities.

FOOTBALL.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

SATURDAY'S GAMES.

SHIELD COMPETITION FINALS.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

King's Regt v South China "B" Club ground.
Kick off at 3 p.m. sharp.

SENIOR DIVISION.

Kowloon v King's Regt Club ground.
Kick off at 4.40 p.m. sharp.

League footer gets a rest on Saturday, and all interest will be centred on the Shield finals. The change in the weather will certainly make a good deal of difference to the play and the side to win will be the one who will be able to stand the conditions for the whole game.

Full time (one and half hours) will be played in each match and if necessary extra time will be played to decide the games.

The Junior game between the King's and the Chinese "B" will be the hardest for it is sure to be very hot at 3 p.m. Both have done well in the competition and the Soldiers secured the points in the League competition against their opponents. At present however the Chinese are playing the best football and should be able to stand the pace better than the Soldiers. There will not, however, be much between them and the final whistle will, I think, close the game in favour of the Chinese.

The result of the Senior game is something to ponder about. Both teams play a different style of football, and Kowloon's style of swinging the ball about will probably have their opponents guessing and the decisive manner in which the former defeated their opponents in the semi final will give their supporters a hope that the Shield will for the first time go to the Peninsula. On the other hand the King's forward line play an exceptionally pretty game and with Jones in the centre they should give the opposite defence a few anxious moments. As this player, given a chance in front of goal, rarely misses, he will want watching. Both teams have been in strict training and a fast game is expected. I think I shall have to give my vote to Kowloon.

Owing to the Gymkhana next week there will not be any football on the Valley grounds. There may, however, be games at Sookumpoo.

On Saturday the 21st. the winners of the Leagues will play the Rest. The games are timed to start at 3 p.m. and 4.45 p.m. Prices of admission will be the same as for Saturday.

On Saturday the 28th. the South China Athletic will play a team picked from the League. This game will be in the nature of a farewell to the Chinese who are representing China in the Olympic games in Japan. This match will close the football season.

—OFFSIDE.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FIREARMS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—A despatch has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies directing attention to the provisions of the Firearms Act, 1920, and to the fact that an Order-in-Council of the 24th. March, 1921, has prohibited the importation of firearms and ammunition except under licence given by the Board of Trade.

2.—This requirement is now being strictly enforced; and while anyone entering the United Kingdom may import a smooth-bore shotgun or shotgun ammunition without any import licence, anyone in possession of a rifle or revolver, or rifle or revolver ammunition, will have to procure and produce a licence from the Board of Trade before importation can be allowed. Failing the production of such a licence, the weapon or ammunition must be left with the Customs authorities until the licence can be procured.

3.—It is advisable, therefore, for all persons desirous of taking firearms into the United Kingdom to apply in advance from the Colony to the Board of Trade for a licence to import the firearms. After arrival a Firearms Certificate must be obtained without loss of time from the nearest police station.

A. G. M. HONGKONG.

Colonial Secretary
Hongkong, March 28, 1923.

TRAM OF MEN.

CANTON'S NIGHT OF ANXIETY.

DAYLIGHT BRINGS GOOD CHIEF.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, March 29. Considerable alarm was caused to the civil population last night when troops were continually on the march. It was feared that something was amiss, even the best-informed sections viewing the movements as portending immediate open conflict.

This morning, it was discovered that what was thought to be bad news was, in reality, excellent news. It appears that, yesterday afternoon, Shum Hung-ying, the Kwangai leader and Yang Hi-man, the Yunnan leader, had jointly called their principal supporters together to see, i.e., an oath by militiamen as to their loyalty, etc. They are said to have sworn renunciation of the Peking appointments and, at the same time, professed loyalty to Sun. Sun asked for substantial proof of their words, whereupon they promised to evacuate all their troops from Canton, in deference to his wishes. Hence the movements of the troops last night. In some cases, detachments detailed for frontier saloon duty, in reality, to safeguard the revenue, were withdrawn. It is believed that the Yunnan troops will, in future, be garrisoned along the North River and the Kwangai-sites, the West River.

A mass meeting of citizens was held yesterday when it was resolved to hold a demonstration on Saturday when the Canton authorities would be requested to carry out disbandment of troops, secure the re-occupation of Port Arthur and the rescinding of the Twenty-one demands.

The Chinese telegraph stoppage on account of the operators' strike has not ended completely. A nucleus of a new staff has been engaged in Canton and one line is working. Accordingly the usual routine is being gradually restored. Telegrams are accepted for transmission but a little delay will be inevitable just at present.

[From the foregoing it appears that Dr. Sun has come to an understanding with the Kwangai militiamen. However, the vernacular press still hints that the attitude of the Kwangai element cannot be gauged until their real reasons for moving the troops have been ascertained.]

RUNAWAY DIRECTOR.

MEI LEE S.S. CO. SUED.

There is every likelihood of an interesting story developing out of an adjourned Court case which was brought before the Pui-sue Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) in the Summary Court this morning. The plaintiff in the case was Capt. J. H. van den Berg who sued the recently formed Mei Lee Steamship Co. for the amount of \$600 as salary due to him under an agreement.

In the witness box plaintiff stated that the manager and director had borrowed a considerable amount of money and absconded. The agreement which was produced read as follows:—"I, the undersigned, Mr. Tong Mun Kee, managing director of the Mei Lee S.S. Co. herewith appoint Capt. J. H. van den Berg as Superintendent for the said Co. for a term of two years at a salary of \$600 a month, Hongkong currency, and a monthly allowance of \$100, Hongkong currency for house allowance."

Mr. Vaux, who represented plaintiff assured his Honour that if judgment was secured it would be possible to pay Capt. van den Berg the money due to him under the contract.

The case was accordingly adjourned.

CIGARETTE, THIEF.

A WHARF EPISODE.

Ten thousand cigarettes, belonging to the British-American Tobacco Co., were yesterday stolen by a Chinese named Chung On, from a truck outside the Chin On Wharf. A coolie in the company's employ testified before Mr. R. E. Liddell at the Magistrate's this morning, that three cases were left in the care of an old man who was nearly blind, whilst he boarded a steamer. On his return, one case was missing. Shortly afterwards, he saw defendant in Ko Shing Street with the cigarettes in his possession.

His Worship passed sentence of three months' hard labour.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the local American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 12.15 noon, March 29, 1923. Typhoon about 12 deg. Long. E. 17 deg. Lat. N. moving N.N.W.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

INSPECTION BY THE GENERAL.

PUBLIC SUPPORT WANTED.

Out of a total strength of 305 members 182 turned up on parade last night on the occasion of the annual inspection of the local Volunteer Defence Corps by the General. Officer Commanding (Major-General Sir John Fowler) which took place yesterday afternoon on the Murray Parade ground. In comparison with last year's inspection, however, the attendance this year was much more satisfactory.

The men mustered at the Volunteer Headquarters and, headed by the Pipe Band of the Scottish Company and Mounted Infantry, the Corps proceeded to the Parade Ground, with the Acting Commandant (Major A. Murdoch) heading the column. Also on parade were Major R. B. Young, (the Adjutant) and Major Black (medical officer).

The parade was made up as follows—

Artillery Company.—Ten other ranks.

Engineer Company.—Lieut. R. M. Smith and 26 other ranks.

Machinist Gun Platoon.—Sgt. Brackenbridge and 11 other ranks.

Mounted Infantry Section.—Sgt. Dowbiggin and 21 other ranks.

Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons.—Second Lieut. Jordan and 44 other ranks.

No. 5 Platoon.—Second Lieut. J. Ralston, M. C., and 27 other ranks.

No. 6 Platoon.—Second Lieut. D. Logan, M. C., and 19 other ranks.

No. 9 Platoon and Reserve Company.—Second Lieut. (retired) Major C. Willson, O. B. E. and 26 other ranks.

Pipe Band.—10 other ranks.

When the General arrived he acknowledged a general salute. Then to the music of the bagpipes he proceeded to inspect the Companies. He afterwards addressed the parade and took the salute as the troops marched past him on their way back to headquarters.

THE GENERAL'S ADDRESS.

The General Officer Commanding, in his address, said that since his inspection a year ago the strength of the Corps had gone down. The number was then 337, and now it was only 306. Of course, it was not their fault. He thought they would agree with him that it was not by any means satisfactory. They had lost 74 through people leaving the Colony and for other reasons, and had only obtained, during the year, 41 recruits. On parade that day were 180, and allowing for men out of the Colony and others absent for unavoidable reasons, the proportion was, he considered, only fair.

With regard to funds and equipment, Sir John Fowler said that His Excellency the Governor and the Colonial Government had, in the past, and he was sure it would continue in the future, supported the Corps by approving of expenditure which it was shown would be spent on increasing efficiency. If the Volunteers would make adequate use of their opportunities funds were not lacking, to provide the means of making them efficient. Infantry, and the new 30-yards range, were cases in point. The Artillery Company had now received two new howitzers, powerful weapons which required skill to shoot well with.

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE.

Alluding to training, the General said that instructional parades had been held as the attendance of Volunteers warranted. As far as he was aware, there had been no lack of competent instructors. The Garrison was ready and willing to help in any way they could. As they knew themselves, the great handicap to training was the irregularity of attendance. This hampered progressive training. The keen ones attended regularly, whilst others only turned up occasionally, and therefore, could not take their places with their colleagues and spoil the whole success of the drill. The obligation in drill was not great, and he hoped that it would be more generally fulfilled than it was at present.

The Mounted Infantry Section had two useful week-end camps on the frontier, and obtained some good training in the mountainous and difficult country about there. The attendance was good. The Section Commander had worked most keenly and well in getting them to turn out and in securing recruits. Under certain circumstances this Mounted Troop would be of great value.

The Artillery Company had only received their guns recently. Having a proportion of old gunners trained in the war they were able to fire quite effectively on the range. He hoped they would be able to get more recruits for the Section and more men qualified in the duties of the detachment.

The R.E. Company ran searchlights and had passed certain tests very well. He attached great importance to having engineers in the Corps and hoped to be able to develop a signal section equipped with wireless.

For the Infantry Companies they had had two week-end camps at Lowe, and about 70 attended each. He was glad to note that some men who attended the first day went to

STABBING CASE.

CHINESE INSPECTOR'S SON.

STONE THROWING ALLEGED.

Evidence was heard by Mr. R. E. Liddell yesterday, in the case in which six men and a youth were charged with assaulting Hau Sang-ki, a schoolboy, son of Det. Inspector Hau Hing. A further charge of unlawful possession of a dagger was preferred against two of the defendants.

Two of the defendants were represented by Mr. W. L. Lo, and another by Mr. W. B. Hind.

The complainant testified to being surrounded by defendants and others in Gough Street at 8.30 p.m. on the 17th, when he was stabbed in the right shoulder. Questioned by the Magistrate, the complainant said he could give no reason for the assault. Det. Inspector Willis then produced a letter and informed his Worship of complaints made by residents in On-Hing Terrace as to a number of schoolboys throwing stones.

Complainant's brother also gave evidence, corroborating the first witness.

After further evidence had been given by another brother and a hawker, the latter declaring that a knife was taken from his stall by second defendant, his Worship adjourned the case till April 4.

Old up-country residents in Siam learned with much regret of the death of Mr. Hetherington, which occurred in London on January 21. He had only been ill for a week and his death was due to pneumonia and heart trouble. He must have been about 52 years of age, and he first came to Siam in 1897. He was on the up-country staff of the Anglo-Siam Corporation (then the Siam Forest Co.). He leaves a widow and one daughter, with whom much sympathy will be felt. To his old friends in the North he was always known as "The Colonel," while among the foresters and others with whom he worked he went by the name of Nai Khor Deng, on account of his ruddy complexion.

The second. The training done was useful. The Infantry was a really good addition to the military strength of the Colony, but he could not help wishing that the camps had been better attended.

Speaking generally of training, the General said that as far as possible, the object had been to make it interesting, to make men think out problems for themselves, and not to make it too arduous or to take up too much of their time. A number of officers and N.C.O.s had given up much time to the training of their units, for which they deserved much credit. As he had already said, they had been handicapped by the irregular attendance. As far as training was concerned, if anybody had any useful suggestions to make, they would be only too glad to receive them and he would assure them they would receive consideration.

The General paid a tribute to the work done by Major Murdoch as acting Commandant. Major Murdoch had devoted much time to the Corps during the past training season, and the good results obtained were due in large measure to the interest that he had taken in it. He regretted that Major Young was leaving the Adjutancy before next training season.

NOT A SHOW CORPS.

The Hongkong Volunteer Corps, the General proceeded, was one for practical use. It was essentially required to meet the needs of the Colony. It was not a Corps for show, and they wanted to make it as comprehensive and efficient as possible. A large proportion of members of the Corps were older men who had been in it for some years, all credit to them; but the great bulk of the younger men who came out to the Colony were not joining the Corps in the numbers that they should. There seemed to be in Hongkong very little of what he might call public opinion supporting the Corps. He did not think that the bulk of the people realised that a Volunteer Corps was really very much required and that it was an insurance against possible serious disturbances and loss of life and property to the whole community. He was quite sure this lack of support was short-sighted, and he hoped that in future the general community would move in the matter. Besides the military training which the Corps gave, it was to some extent a club and afforded facilities for recreation which should be useful to any young man coming to the Colony. He would welcome further development upon these lines. He trusted that more recruits would enroll during the next few months, so that they might be able to start field training in the autumn.

In conclusion, the General said he considered that the general turnout on parade that day was very good indeed. The Corps was recruited from all classes and ages, and was perfectly well equipped. He hoped they would get themselves well

LOCAL SHARE MARKET. A RECORD SETTLEMENT. "SHORT" SELLERS CAUGHT.

The March settlement on Tuesday is reckoned to have been a record one in the history of the local share market. One broker estimated today that between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000 changed hands and, as far as he could recollect, the biggest total previously was \$16,000,000. His own firm which, incidentally, is one of the biggest, handled about \$4,000,000 worth of business.

The settlement has not been an easy one because it was blocked up by a lot of short selling in "cements." This is one of the few occasions lately when short sellers have been caught as instead of being able to deliver the shares they are having to buy them at "sacrifice" rates to fulfil their contracts.

FOR AMERICANS.

CITIZENS TRAINING CAMP.

Captain John C. Newton, of the 15th American Infantry, writes:—Tentative plans for a Citizens' Military Training Camp for Americans living in the Orient are being formulated at the headquarters of the American troops at Tientsin. The project at present is merely in a formative stage, as up to date neither an appropriation of funds nor the authority to hold such a camp has been secured. It is desired, however, to know the attitude towards such a project of the Americans residing in China.

The military policy of the United States contemplates that the national defence be effected by a small professional force augmented in time of emergency by trained reserves—these reserve forces to receive for instruction thru agencies such as Citizens' Military Training Camps. Appreciating how highly Americans living here in China prize their American citizenship, and believing that each and every one of them stands ready and willing to defend his country to the best of his ability in time of need; and believing that many advantages would accrue to them while attending such a camp, this is an attempt to provide for them an opportunity to participate actively in this phase of the national military policy.

These camps have been singularly successful in the United States. The work they do is two-fold; in addition to training the individual so that he will be a valuable military asset in an emergency, they would benefit his health by athletic training under expert supervision and by living an outdoor life; his mind by affording relaxation from business cares and employing it along new lines of activity.

The details incident to this campment will be as follows:—Period of training and instruction. May 15 to June 15, 1923.

Place—Leichuan, China (The 15th Infantry will be in camp at the target range at this place.)

All equipment, including uniforms, arms, accoutrements, tents, bedding and subsistence will be furnished by the United States.

Medical attendance and supplies, including hospitalization when necessary, will be furnished at the expense of the United States during the time of their actual attendance at the camp.

Laundry—arrangements will be made to establish laundry service at the smallest practicable cost to the individual.

The scheme of instruction includes calisthenics, Infantry drill, Infantry Tactics for small units and Target Practice with the U.S. Rifle, Cal. 30 M. 1903 (Springfield), Browning Automatic Rifle Cal. 30 M. 1918 and the Automatic Pistol, Cal. 45 M. 1911.

Quarters and subsistence—The men will be quartered in pyramidal tents. The messes will be conducted under the supervision of regular army officers and mess sergeants and the menu will provide an assortment of foods properly cooked and properly served.

Transportation—In the United States transportation has heretofore been issued in kind to and from the camps. In case transportation was not so furnished a travel allowance of five cents (\$0.05) per mile for the distance by the shortest usually travelled route from the place from which the students are authorized to proceed to the camp was paid for the journey to and from the camp. The payment of travel allowances for the return journey was paid in advance of the actual performance of same.

Pay and allowances—heretofore pay has not been authorized for civilians attending these camps in the United States.

CANTON WOMEN'S EFFORT. THANKS FROM HOME.

The Secretary of the Canton British Women's Memorial Fund has received the following letters of thanks from J. Rudger Harding, Esq., the Secretary of the Star and Garter Home for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors, and from Sir William H. Bennett, K.C.V.O., Vice-Chairman of the Governors and Chairman of the House Committee:—

February 12, 1923.
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th January enclosing drafts for £348.6.6, viz.: £348.6.6 for Endowment and £200 to be specially devoted to the welfare of the patients.

I am directed by the Governors of the Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors and Soldiers to express their most warm and grateful thanks for these further generous and welcome donations, and to ask you to be good enough, as far as possible, to convey the assurance of their gratitude to the members of your Committee and to all our kind friends and well-wishers in Canton, not only for their recent successful efforts to secure the permanent endowment of a bed in the Star & Garter at Sandgate, at the cost of so much time and trouble, but for their unflinching sympathy with the disabled men in the Home during the past four years.

The sum of £200 which you enclosed shall be devoted as your Committee desire, to provide a gift or gifts which will increase the comfort or add to the happiness of the men in our care at Sandgate. To that end the money is being paid into our Compassionate Fund to be earmarked for the purpose intended.

The sum of £348.6.6, with the addition of £351.13.6, the amounts previously received, will now be handed over to the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds to be invested under a Deed of Trust which will secure the permanent endowment of the Canton British Women's Memorial Bed at Sandgate.

I have the pleasure to enclose two Official Receipts. Although your Committee is being dissolved I will, with your permission, continue to send from time to time any information about the Star and Garter which may be of interest to you and our friends in Canton to whom we are so deeply indebted.—I am, dear Madam, yours very sincerely,

(Signed) J. RUDGER HARDING.

February 10, 1923.
The House Committee of the Star and Garter having heard at their meeting to-day of the generous donations received from the British Women of Canton, I am desired, as Chairman most gratefully to thank you and your Committee, and at the same time to say how greatly we appreciate the action of our compatriots in Canton—comparatively few as they must be—in giving such striking proofs of their sympathy by endowing a bed in the Sandgate Home at a cost of £1,000, and further by contributing a sum of £200 for the purpose of adding to the comfort and happiness of the patients there.

It has been decided to hold this special gift intact until an appropriate opportunity occurs of giving full effect to your wishes.

Will you be good enough, so far as it is possible, to express to all who have participated in this generous gift, our heartfelt thanks as well as the gratitude of the disabled men to whom such helpful sympathy has been shown.—Yours sincerely,

(Signed) WILLIAM H. BENNETT.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

AN INTERESTING PROGRAMME.

Commencing at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday and at 11 a.m. on Easter Monday, the Victoria Recreation Club regatta, if the gratifying number of entries is any criterion, should be just as successful as similar events held in previous years. The venue will be, as hitherto, Black Boulder Point, Kowloon. Launches to convey the public there will leave Murray Pier at intervals of one hour.

Several events promise keen racing. Crews representing England and Denmark will compete in the International Fours. Four boats have entered for the Inter-Hong Ho Tung Challenge Cup, viz. P.W.D., H.M. Submarines, the A.P.C. and Orient Tobacco Factory combined and the Volunteer Defence Corps.

Another feature will be that time honoured event, the Inter-Club Fours. With McCann away, the V.R.C. expect to reverse their previous defeat at the hands of the R.F.Y.C. The Chairman's Challenge Cup will also be competed for, when four boats confined to members will be out.

A half-centred gig race for the Brown Cup will see the R.F.C. pitted against the "Yacht Club." Col. R.G.A. Salting, who has taken an active part in the regatta, is also expected to be present on Monday.

The Commanding Officer, American Troops, "Plover," China, desires all Americans who may wish to attend such an entertainment to inform him of such desire, stating whether they wish to be seated or stand, as early as possible.

V. R. C. SPORTS. MARATHON TO PEAK.

A marathon race to the Peak and back, open to the whole Colony, has been included in the annual sports of the Victoria Recreation Club which are to be held on April 21. The usual programme of track events will be run off at the Hongkong Football Club ground and all entries close on April 14.

A total distance of about nine miles has been mapped out for the race which will finish on the track. It will be—Start at Pokfulam Police Station via Pokfulam Road to the upper tramway terminus on the Peak, then through Plunkett Gap down to Plantation Road, along that road and Barker Road to Magazine Gap, thence by that road to Bowen Road. Along Bowen Road to Wong-wei-chong Gap, and along Wong-wei-chong Road to the Football Ground and once around the track.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON v. KING'S.

The following team will represent Kowloon in their match v. the "Kings" in the final of the Hongkong Challenge Shield on Saturday—Woodman; Wheeler, Knight; Morrison, McKelvie, Pasco; Clemo, Hall, Scully, Duncan and Mason.

Reserve: Duncan (G.)

SONS OF BISHOPS.

FAMOUS MEN OF TO-DAY.

"If I had a son who was a fool I would send him into the Church," said a man to Sydney Smith.

It was an indiscreet remark to make to the wittiest cleric of his time, and Smith's retort had about it an air of finality. "Your father," said he, "was evidently not of that opinion."

A hundred years ago there may have been some point in the taunt. In our own time, however, he would be a bold man who should contend that the Church showed any marked intellectual inferiority as compared with the other learned professions. Indeed, those who believe in the theory of hereditary genius may find their faith fortified by a consideration of the clergy of the Church of England.—It would be found, I think, on investigation that a very considerable proportion of the eminent men and women of to-day were either sons or daughters of the paragonage.

THE BENSON FAMILY.

To narrow the scope of inquiry somewhat, it may not be without interest to refer to the number of distinguished people now living—or but recently dead—who have had for their father an Anglican bishop.

And, first of all, there is that wonderful Benson family. Edward White Benson, a former Archbishop of Canterbury, and himself a man of no mean literary attainments, was the father of four children, all of whom won some measure of distinction in the world of letters.

Arthur Christopher Benson, Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge, and one of the most prolific essayists of our age; E. F. Benson, author of innumerable novels, including the much-discussed "Dodo"; the late Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson, novelist and ecclesiastic; and the late Margaret Benson, who was responsible for that entertaining volume "The Soul of a Cat."

"EVOE."

The pseudonym of "Evoe" is familiar to all readers of *Punch*, from some of whom it conceals the identity of Mr. E. V. Knox, a son of Bishop Knox, who retired a year or so ago from the see of Manchester. "Evoe's" brother, Rev. Ronald Knox, more familiarly known as "Ronnie" Knox, is the author of "A Spiritual Axiom," perhaps the finest essay in religious autobiography that has been given to the world since Newman wrote his *Apologia pro Vita Sua*. Father Knox has, too, a very distinct gift for satirical verse.

Major A.B. Boyd-Carpenter, the M.P. for East Bradford, and a member of the present Ministry, is the son of a former Bishop of Ripon; Mr. Aiger Thorold, the biographer of Labouchere, and for many years a regular contributor to *Truth*, had for his father a Bishop of Winchester; while a son of the late Archbishop Thomson of York, is Sir Basil Thomson, until recently chief of the Criminal Investigation Department at Scotland Yard.—*John O'London's Weekly*.

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DRUG DEALERS' DISCOVERY. DEAD PARTNER'S DEFALCATIONS.

Chow Yum-kwok, a partner in the Shui Chi Ching, Chinese drug dealers, reported to the police yesterday that his partner, named Chan Fan-choy, who also acted as accountant, died on the 7th.

On investigation, prior to taking over the books, he discovered that his partner had defalcations to the extent of \$40,000.

SCHOOLGIRL, ROBBED.

GOLD BANGLE STOLEN.

At 4.15 p.m. yesterday, a schoolgirl was going down the stairs of No. 12, Taipingshan Street, when two men seized her by the neck. One of them clapped his hand over her mouth while the other forcibly removed a gold-mounted rattle bangle valued at \$30. Both robbers escaped in an unknown direction.

CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE v. R.G.A.

The following will represent the Civil Service in a first league match on the home ground at 2.15 p.m. on Saturday.—A. E. Wood (capt.), A. R. Sutherland, F. J. Ling, P. T. Lambie, R. C. Wicheff, W. H. Edmonds, F. H. Holdman, A. Grimmit, E. C. Fincher, F. Baker and E. Dunkley.

INDIAN R.C. v. KOWLOON C.C.

The following will represent the Indians 1st XI on Saturday at Kowloon.—A. el Arculli (Capt.), A. H. Rumjahn, S. H. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, A. H. Madar, J. S. Cursem, S. A. Rumjahn, O. Ismail, N. B. Kitchell and M. P. Mandan.

The following will represent the Indians 2nd XI at Sookumpoo Valley.—E. Moosdeen (Capt.), R. Nazarin, D. Rumjahn, H. D. Rumjahn, I. Hassan, O. Rumjahn, A. K. Minu, J. Akber, A. R. M. Samy, A. Kitchell and F. M. Arculli. Reserves: A. K. Rahumad and A. G. Abbas.

KOWLOON C. C.

The K.C.C. have three engagements during the holidays and the following teams have been chosen:—1st XI in a friendly match v. I.R.C. on Saturday at Kowloon at 2.15 p.m.—J. P. Robinson, E. F. Spinks, G. A. V. Hall, H. H. Benson, R. E. Lindsell, C. Dance, J. C. Fletcher, D. Lyon, T. M. Cochran, J. Smith and A. Nother.

2nd XI in a league match v. I.R.C. and 2nd XI at Sookumpoo on Saturday, at 2.15 p.m.—E. J. Edwards, H. Railton, L. A. R. Duncan, W. B. Haslett, J. Fraser, W. J. Shenton, W. J. Woolley, J. M. Jack and L. Jack.

1st XI in a friendly match v. Queen's College, on Easter Monday at Kowloon at 10.15 a.m.—J. P. Robinson, E. F. Spinks, H. H. Benson, R. E. Lindsell, C. Dance, G. A. V. Hall, B. Petheram, T. M. Cochran, F. G. Wheeler, C. J. Tacchi and H. Overy.

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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Hongkong on Mar. 27 at 4 p.m. left Kobe on Mar. 28 at noon and was due at Yokohama on Mar. 29 at 8 a.m. The B.F. s.s. "Lancaster" left Port Said on Mar. 28 for London, Hull, Rotterdam and Hamburg.

The B.F. s.s. "Solomon" from New York left Oahu on Mar. 27 for Hongkong and is due here on Mar. 31. The vessel will be despatched on Mar. 31 at 10 p.m. for London, Amsterdam and Antwerp via Singapore.

The B.F. s.s. "Tudor City" from Pacific ports left Nagasaki on Mar. 27 for this port and is due here on Mar. 31 at daylight.

The B.F. s.s. "Peregrine" left Liverpool on Feb. 24 for Penang, Port Swettenham, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about Mar. 31.

The B.F. s.s. "Tokushima Maru" left Moji for Hongkong on Mar. 28 and is expected here on Mar. 30.

The B.F. s.s. "Tanda" left Moji for this port this morning and is due here on Apr. 1 at daylight.

The B.F. s.s. "Peregrine" from Liverpool left Singapore on Mar. 27 for this port and is due here on Apr. 1.

The B.F. s.s. "President Taft" is scheduled to sail for San Francisco via usual ports on Mar. 14 and will arrive San Francisco on Apr. 5.

The C.P.S. R.M. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila on Mar. 22, is due at Yokohama on Apr. 3 and is expected here on Apr. 12.

The B.F. s.s. "Rinda" sailed from Hamburg on Feb. 29 and is expected to arrive in Hongkong on or about Apr. 1.

The B.F. s.s. "Mentor" left Liverpool on Mar. 10 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Hankow and is due here on or about Apr. 12.

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SHIPPING

LAUNCH OF THE THIRD MOOLTAN

The launch of the new P. and O. liner "Mooltan" at Belfast, reminds one that the company's policy of repeating the names of the ships of their fleet makes an event of this sort particularly interesting in their case, by recalling the memory all the old timers and their doings, says a Home paper. Sometimes it is felt that the individuality of a ship should be preserved for some particular reason, in which case it is usual to make some slight change in the spelling of those that come after her. In the case of the "Mooltan," however, this was not necessary, and the three ships of the name follow one another in ordinary and interesting sequence. The first "Mooltan" was put on service in 1861, by which time the company had practically, but not quite, abandoned the paddle in favour of the screw propeller. The "Mooltan" was propelled by the latter method, and was built at the Thames Ironworks yard at Blackwall, with engines by Day, of Southampton. Her dimensions, of roughly, 35ft. by 39ft. gave her a gross tonnage of 2,277, one of the largest units in the fleet, while her two-cylinder horizontal engines indicated 1,750 horse-power on a single screw. In accordance with the custom of the time she was heavily rigged as a barque, and appears to have been as handy under sail as most ships of her type. One point of interest connected with her is that she was the first ship of the P. and O. fleet to be given power steering gear, although not by any means the first ship afloat, as has been stated in print on one or

one of the earliest names on the Blue Funnel register and first appeared in 1870, within a very few months of the inauguration of the enterprise which drove the old China clippers off the seas by superior efficiency. She was built by Leslie, and had a gross tonnage of rather less than two thousand. She was a good enough little ship in her way, but was small for such ambitious work, and eventually disappeared from their list towards the end of 1876. Next year the new "Sarpedon" appeared, again built by Leslies of Newcastle, and having roughly the same dimensions as her predecessor. A large part of her time was spent under the Dutch flag in order to get into the East Indian trade. When Japan went to war with China in 1894 there was a tremendous rush by native owners to purchase tonnage in order to take full advantage of the chartering for transports and store ships, and the old "Sarpedon" was one of those that stayed over. In the latter part of 1895, while still under the Japanese flag, she was wrecked, and although what was left of her was purchased by a salvage company she was not able to run again. The third "Sarpedon" appeared immediately after she had left the list, and was one of the first ships which began the close association between the Blue Funnel Line and Workman, Clark and Co. She had a gross tonnage of over four thousand and was a magnificent cargo vessel of her time, the feature which made her most conspicuous being the number of derricks which she was given, no less than five to each hatch. A speed of fourteen knots was also noteworthy for a ship of her type, and together she was looked on as a magnificent cargo liner. In 1912 she was transferred to the Dutch flag, but during the war she was the Red Ensign again and did good service, bringing in essential supplies and munitions. After the Armistice she was returned to the British flag, and was recently sold to Germany to become the "Goitz von Liebenow." There has also been one "Persues" under the flag, built by Workman, Clark and Co. in 1898, and the seventeenth ship in their had been constructed for the Blue Funnel Combine. She had a gross tonnage of nearly seven thousand and was a typical Hohlbohrer steamer, constructed on the fore and aft girder principle, but nevertheless but very comfortable for passenger accommodation. While she lasted she did very well and had a big name for herself. She was lost in February, 1917, while off Lombomb and apparently free from war risk, she struck one of the mines laid by the German raider "Wolf" and went down with a loss of three lives.

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If it had not been for this buttress it is probable that many yards would have had to close down. As to the financial position of the yards, it is mentioned that companies were able to declare a dividend at the rate of 20 per cent. upwards for 1921. Most of the companies were compelled to increase their capital in order to meet the depredation of the war, although even the leading yards have a relatively small capital and can be said to be still working on a "gold basis".	It has been frequently asserted that the yards can easily obtain supplies of English coal, but the correspondent points out that the Hinckley yards are in a high degree dependent upon the Westphalian industries for material, and that they would also be seriously affected by the cutting of supplies from the Ruhr. Unless the circumstances be so altered that the outlook for the shipbuilding industry is very unfavourable.
PERNICIOUS EFFECTS OF THE RUHR OCCUPATION. Concerning the effects of the Ruhr occupation, the correspondent writes that the occupation of the Ruhr has not only prevented the coal and iron from the district being the "bread and butter" of the German people.	THE ALLOY. ALLOY STEEL is the material of choice for the construction of the hulls of modern warships. It is a material of great strength and is capable of being worked into a variety of shapes. It is also a material of great ductility and is capable of being bent into a variety of shapes. It is also a material of great resistance to corrosion and is capable of being painted in a variety of colours.

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But her life story lacked opportunity for the historian. For with the exception of a public inspection at Tilbury, which raised considerable sums for the Seamen's Hospital, and an attempt to establish a direct service to Auckland at the end of 1911 in conjunction with her sister the 'Moldavia,' she did little that was considered worthy of record, except to run like clockwork. When war broke out, however, she began to crowd more events into her career, in common with most other ships who maintained essential supplies. On one occasion, while under the command of the famous Captain Hadcock, she encountered an enemy raider, but spotted her nature in time, and contrived to get away without having to fight for it. As she was only lightly armed and the enemy mounted six-inchers she was lucky in this. In the summer of 1917, however, she was not so lucky, for while coming home with mails and cargo from Australia she was diverted to Malta, and made to join a small convoy under the protection of two Japanese destroyers. While making good progress near Cape Serrat she was torpedoed without warning, although she then she almost contrived to dodge the missile. The explosion was forward on the starboard side, and it soon became evident that there was no hope of saving the ship, and she had to be abandoned in order not to endanger the remainder of the convoy. Two lives were lost by the explosion, otherwise the coolness of all hands contrived to save the whole ship's company, which amounted to five hundred and fifty, and also the special mail and despatches which had been entrusted to the captain's care.

The mishap to the U.S. Shipping Board liner 'President Jefferson,' which has just been forced to take a spell off the Pacific service in order to get her turbines repaired after stripping the blading and bending the shaft of her starboard set, will revive the old discussion as to whether these vessels should not be re-engined completely, says a Home Shipping Journal. This matter has been mooted before but lately it has been somewhat drastic in that it is not even suggested that the whole class should have their Westinghouse turbines ripped out of them. Admittedly they have suffered a good deal from machinery trouble, but not by any means all of it has been in the turbines, and it remains a question whether any other pattern would be better. The Westinghouse type has given good service in various parts of the globe under various conditions, and although naturally in this country we do not favour it as much as a purely English pattern, yet in fairness it must be admitted that some of the sets have done excellent work. Those of the 'President' type were laid down in war time, and to a considerable extent built with war-time labour, which does not as a rule suggest very satisfactory running in service. The other side of the question is that these ships do not pay as it is, and if the extra capital charge of re-engining them is to come into their accounts they will make an even less satisfactory showing. However, it must not be forgotten that they were built primarily as a reserve transport fleet and a transport which cannot steam is just about as useful as the proverbial Dutchman's anchor, which was left at home.

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The Blue Funnel Line has always been famous for keeping alive the names of its steamers which have made a good reputation for themselves, and although some companies do not believe in this and make a point of never duplicating their titles, there seems to be a lot in favour of it. Says the *Journal of Commerce*, "It preserves the family of the shipyard, and the news that the ship belongs to the Dundee or to the London & Liverpool is recalled in many pleasant memories of the common history of these names and of the ship's fate to arouse interest in them. The name, besides, is

steamers has been "100 A1," the

dealers has been "100 A1," the previously used "A1" having a more restricted meaning. This fact, and a host of other interesting facts which have to do with the registration and the classification of ships, will be found in a new publication issued by Lloyd's Register and entitled "The Register Book," which is a reprint of a lecture delivered at Gresham College, by Mr. F. A. Mayrle, assistant to the secretary, Lloyd's Register of Shipping, in connection with the marine insurance classes organised by the Institute of London Underwriters. The reprint is by no means of the "dry" kind, and, indeed, it is extremely interesting, and covers a very wide field, and incidentally shows how very gradually and carefully the elaborate system of Lloyd's Register, which has done so much for the safety of the sea-travelling public, has grown up.

GERMAN SHIPBUILDING.

PROSPECTS UNFAVOURABLE.

In the course of a discussion of the situation and prospects of the German shipbuilding industry the Hamburg correspondent of the *Deutsche Bergwerks Zeitung* states that the danger which threatens the native industry lies chiefly in the revolution in prices.

Owing to the enormous depreciation of the mark the prices for new construction have had to be considerably advanced. It is only necessary to think of the high prices which have to be paid for shipbuilding steel and for other raw materials; quite apart from the large sums for wages and salaries. Shipowners are no longer able to raise these millions now that they have been so disillusioned by the compensation received from the Government.

As a consequence there is arising the threatening picture of restrictions in working at the yards and the discharge of numbers of men. In the opinion of the correspondent it can be said in general that the shipbuilding programme of the shipping companies has almost entirely an American character, of which the German shipyards have only supplied the labour. The programme of construction is decided by the American shipowners, who have to bank on the American market. The present programme of construction is very many years ahead of the German programme.

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A scene with a carving-knife and another at the Corner House were described to Mr. Justice Horridge, in the Divorce Court, in a suit by Mrs. Florence May Long, of West Norwood, for a judicial separation. Her husband, Albert George Long, an engineer, cross-petitioned for a decree of restitution of conjugal rights.

The wife said she had reason to complain of her husband's late hours, and when she hinted at having a carving knife, and saying he would "finish her off," chased her with the knife round the garden. It was nearly midnight, and, being frightened, she did not re-enter the house.

In November, 1920, she said, he came home at 3 a.m. and started to smash the crockery. She was so alarmed that she fetched a policeman. In the following May he confessed to being in love with someone else, and went away in August, leaving a letter and £5.

Mrs. Long related how one day in August, 1921, she saw her husband and a girl come into the Corner House in the Strand.

"I went up to them and said, 'Hallo, Bert, won't you introduce me?' He answered 'No, go away.' I spoke to the girl, saying, 'I am Mrs. Long, and your friendship with my husband is causing unhappiness.'"

The girl retorted that she would see him as often as she liked, and when witness said, "Are you coming home with me, Bert?" he answered, "No," and taking this girl's arm he went off.

"I went home by myself," said Mrs. Long.

The husband's counsel, Mr. Glazebrook, asked her: "Was there a letter from a man to you in affectionate terms which caused your husband to complain, and resulted in a row between you?—My husband used to open all my letters. He may have done so, but I do not remember it."

It was a "pure invention," went on the wife, that she ever told her husband that she had met a young man at West Norwood Station.

She had never threatened her husband with the bread-knife or thrown a flat-iron or a teapot at him.

Counsel: Did you once stab one of his photos all over with a hat-pin?—Never.

Mr. Long, in his evidence, declared that his wife was a discontented, quarrelsome woman who often went into a temper and smashed things. He denied that he assaulted her.

In the result the judge dismissed the wife's petition and granted the husband a decree of restitution of conjugal rights.

A RACING YARN.

THE CREDULOUS PUBLIC.

A well-known Sydney racing man tells of an amusing experience which he reckons proves the gullibility of the public. In 1910 he found himself "stone motherless" in Brisbane. A brain wave set his hazy brain agog. He would sling tips for races. Asking his friend, the local racing handicapper, what he thought would win the next Melbourne Cup, he was told: "I believe Comedy King will win from Trafalgar." The next step was an advertisement in half a dozen provincial newspapers signed by "Auburn," who announced that he was "just from Melbourne" with the latest news from the leading stables, and knew a good thing for the Cup, which he would sell for half a dollar. To his joy the bait was eagerly snapped. Subscribers forwarded him £44, and in due course they were sent Comedy King. Trafalgar. The tipster, who knew nothing of racing, got away before the storm could break, and had reached Ballarat, when, to his amazement, he saw that the horses he had selected actually ran 1-2. Had he remained in the north he could have cleared a small fortune while the going was good.

POLICE OFFICERS IN DOCK.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO EXTORT CONFESSION.

GRAVE SHANGHAI CHARGE.

The prosecution of two officers of the Municipal Police on charges of a serious character was begun at H.M. Police Court, Shanghai, on March 23, before Mr. Peter Grain. The accused were: F. J. Gabbutt, Detective Sub-Inspector, and A. E. Balchin, Detective Sergeant, and the complaint against them read:

That they, on February 5, 1923, at Hongkew Police Station, with Japanese Detective Sergeant Okajima and Chinese Detective Constables Woo Zai-yung and Yang Tse-shang, and other Chinese whose names are unknown to the complainant, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm to the said Loh Tse-wah, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm to him, and (b) contrary to section 20 of the said Act, did unlawfully and maliciously inflict grievous bodily harm upon Loh Tse-wah.

Mr. R. N. Macleod appeared for complainant, and asked leave for Mr. Ziar also to appear, there being a considerable amount of Chinese evidence.

Mr. R. F. C. Master appeared for the accused, and entered a plea of not guilty.

Det. Inspector Reeves, attached to Headquarters staff at Central Station, stated that he executed Supreme Court warrant at Hongkew Police Station on the previous afternoon. When the warrant had been read and the usual caution given, the accused made no state ment.

Mr. Macleod—Did they say anything at all, neither of them?

Witness—Nothing at all.

Mr. Master then asked for a remand until Wednesday next, or bail. He had had no opportunity of going into the case, and in fact had only received a copy of the charge that morning, and he had not decided what attitude to adopt on the preliminary hearing; he understood a commitment would be asked for if a prima facie case were made out.

The Magistrate—It is obviously a case of that character.

Mr. Master—If a prima facie case is made out, we should prefer that course.

Mr. Macleod said he did not oppose the application for bail. The case was a grave one. He did not propose to open them, but would draw his Worship's attention to a general way to the nature of the charge. Briefly, it was a case of police officers, while having a prisoner in their custody as police officers, ill-treating him in order to extort a confession as regarded the destination of moneys alleged to have been stolen. Two days later the man was charged in the Mixed Court with the theft of these moneys and was acquitted; the British Assessor very properly recording the court's dissatisfaction with the police at not having brought the man before the court within 24 hours of his arrest. Thereafter he was examined by medical men and was in hospital for over a month.

His Worship observed that it was usual to grant bail unless the court had reason to believe the accused might not surrender for trial.

Mr. Macleod—I do not suggest that, but I ask that bail be fixed at a substantial amount.

AN IDENTIFICATION PARADE.

Mr. Master pointed out that the alleged offence was committed as long ago as February 5. Ever since the proceedings in the Mixed Court it had been more or less common knowledge amongst the police force, particularly at Hongkew, that something was going to happen, that proceedings were going to be taken against somebody, and during these six weeks the accused had been absolutely free to remove themselves from the jurisdiction of the court, had they so wished. Again, an identification parade was held on Wednesday afternoon, when one of the accused was not identified at all and the other was only picked out after some hesitation. Since that time the accused had been absolutely free to come and go as they chose, and had they desired to evade the jurisdiction, it would have been a simple matter. Both were men holding responsible positions, and both had excellent characters.

His Worship—Are they married?

Mr. Master—No, there was not that to detain them in Shanghai. They have been in the service for some time and have no ground for supposing they will not appear for trial.

His Worship—What now is to be done?—That is the question.

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SPORT OR STUDY.

"BLUE" OR DEGREE.

WHICH IS THE BETTER?

It is the opinion of many that, when at the 'Varsity, any time spent other than in solid, unrelieved swotting is wasted. Never was a greater mistake made. If those chasing their degrees would give more serious attention to sport their disappointments would be fewer.

There are men who go to the extreme in this, as in other things, but it will be found that in the quest for a "Blue" one's chances of a degree become brighter and brighter.

It is the old story: a healthy body means a healthy mind.

Most of us have had experience, in various degrees, of the complaint known as brain-fog, writes "Undergrad" in the *Referee*. Examinations are an abomination but a necessity, yet how many of us destroy all chances of success by "knocking up" a day before the first paper is due?

I well remember the advice of an old tutor of mine. "Put away your books a week before examinations and read nothing but the newspapers and light fiction."

If you have not absorbed the requisite knowledge in twelve months of preparation you will never do it in that last week.

It is splendid advice, and it seems easy enough to follow; but, nevertheless, few of us do. Hundreds of things occur to us, things that we once learnt and which now appear quaint and vague. We look them up in a fever of impatience, and the more we search the milder and vaguer do they become.

After the strain is over we blame ourselves for not having had more sense; we should have put in a few days on the river, or joined in a few games of football, and so have blown the cobwebs away. If we made it a rule to put our health first we should be able to stand the strain of any amount of examinations; and what pleasanter road to health is there than the quest of that elusive "Blue"?

Let us take two typical undergraduates and compare their chances in life. One of them is a diligent man who has gained his degree by perfunctory application to his studies, the other a "Blue," light-hearted, healthy, not always in a hurry to find work, yet ever ready to do it. He may have his degree, he may not.

Which of these two would you choose for mental capacity? The former, in all probability. Now, whom would you choose as a partner, a friend, or an employee? Again, I believe, seventy-five per cent. would say the former; yet, myself, I should give no two thoughts to the matter. I should vote every time for the old "Blue."

To my mind, the reasons for such a decision are clear. He is conscientious, trustworthy, full of grit, generous, and habitually "sporting." Such qualifications surely fully compensate any difference in sheer brain-power.

I do not mean to insinuate that the great majority who never obtained their "Blues" are lacking in these characteristics. They have them, and cannot help having them, if they entered at all enthusiastically into any sport. It is the atmosphere that counts, not the result.

The confirmed "book-worm" no matter what he has learnt by his lonely studies, has rarely acquainted himself with the fact that self is not always of paramount importance.

His motives have always been selfish, although not consciously so.

In a few walks of life this may be an advantage, but on the whole the man who, from habit, works for the community at large is the more popular.

I suppose the value of a "Blue" is sometimes over-rated. There is always a certain amount of hero-worship in the ranks of the gentler sex, and, at the 'Varsity, the "Blues" get it all. Well, they deserve it, if anyone does, and no harm is done. The recipients never appear to get swelled heads.

One advantage of having a "Blue" or even a fair record in 'Varsity sport, is that one benefits socially, and social position means a lot to anyone seeking success. Why the mere fact of having earned one's "Blue" should make such a difference heaven only knows. To be sure it is the glamour; perhaps it is that one is credited with distinctive qualities. Whatever the cause, the result is the same—enviable advantages in life.

It is not unnatural that the student whose brilliancy in one direction has gained him an honorable degree, should want to maintain these advantages as "unfaded." He might say, "Maybe" that he stands no chance of ever getting into a "Varsity" has lost the ability. "Pshaw," he says, "There is room for any and every fellow who shows interest in sport."

FAT OR THIN.

INSURANCE INVESTIGATIONS.

SAFETY IN LOW WEIGHT.

A little overweight in youth and under weight in middle and later life will cheat the grim archer out of some years, it seems. Insurance statistics are throwing light on this matter, we are told by the *Statistical Bulletin* of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (New York). It is generally recognized, says this paper, that the weight of the human body in relation to its height plays a part in determining the health and longevity of the individual. It is only recently however, that the long experience of the insurance companies has made possible the crystallization of this impression into a series of definite propositions. It continues:

"We know now, for example, that overweight is a serious impairment among insured lives, the gravity increasing with the excess in weight over the average for the height and age. But even this statement has its exceptions because, at the younger ages, a limited amount of overweight is apparently an advantage. Such persons have uniformly a lower death rate from tuberculosis. It is after the age of 35 that overweight, even in relatively small amounts, begins to be dangerous. The seriousness increases with advancing age and with the amount of overweight."

Among short men, that is, those below five feet seven inches in height, at the age period 40 to 44 years, an excess of 20 per cent in weight involves an added mortality of 20 per cent above the normal. A 40 per cent increase in weight in such individuals involves an increased mortality of nearly 80 per cent. Among tall men, that is, those over five feet ten inches in weight, the adverse situation is even more marked. For, among them, at ages 40 to 44, a 20 per cent excess in weight carries a 40 per cent increase in mortality, and a 40 per cent excess in weight doubles the mortality.

On the other hand, underweight, which is common enough, presents a different picture. In general, underweight is an advantage, provided, of course, the proportion is not too great. It is a serious impairment in early adult life, especially among taller men. Those who are over five feet ten inches, and who are 20 per cent below the average weight for their height, show an increased mortality of 30 per cent. Those having 30 per cent underweight have a 50 per cent excess mortality at these early ages. But, from age 40 onward, there are apparently no such penalties for underweight and this condition, in fact, becomes a distinct advantage; for these are the people who have the best mortality rates.

THIN MEN ARE HEALTHIEST.

"The important lesson taught by these propositions is that there is an optimum build with reference to mortality. The average build is not the best build. Those who weigh between 10 and 20 per cent below the average show the optimum condition of longevity at the most of the ages after early adult life. We can all recall from our personal observation that the large majority of our friends who have reached a ripe old age are of slight build. Large persons more often succumb at an earlier age to the diseases of the heart or kidneys, to pneumonia, and to disorders which reflect the worn-out machinery of the body. To discover the reason for this is the problem of the physiologist."

A promising lead for investigation is the suggestion that among overweights having a large chest capacity the conditions of mortality are more favourable than among those not so protected. It may well be that overweights who have large trunks are probably the best overweights, and must be distinguished from those of small chest capacity and correspondingly large abdominal girth. The significance of these differences is for the future to determine."

DEFINITIONS YOU SHOULD KNOW.

"At last that vague thing, 'the New England conscience' has been defined." In his book, "Just Mercy," Dr. A. F. Riggs says:

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THE FILMS

PROGRAMME FEATURES.

TO-NIGHT.

Coronet Theatre.—"The Sheikh's Wife."
World Theatre.—Justine Johnston in "Sheltered Daughters."
Star Theatre.—Enid Bennett in "The Virtuous Thief."

"ATLANTIDE."

(THE QUEEN OF ATLANTIS).

The mystic charm of the Sahara Desert, the bewitching fascination of a beautiful woman, faultless direction, super settings. These are the elements that go to make "Atlantide," the great success that is. It is a strange and unusual story, amid extremely unusual surroundings, and with a stranger and more unusual ending.

See—Antinae, the mysterious, though queen of an impenetrable fortress in the middle of the great Desert, though rich beyond dreams, though bewitching beyond imagination, in a heart only a woman, a coquette, a heart-breaker, who glories in her love, and lives for love alone. Yet one comes who spurs her love, and in her weakness who sets his best friend to kill him. She thus has her revenge on both, for the murderer, though he manages to escape from her clutches, cannot annihilate the mysterious hold she has on his heart and soul. The lure of Egypt has got him, and above all, the lure of fascinating Antinae. For her he braves the dangers of the arid Desert, and regardless of consequences, with almost certain death staring him in the face, he mounts his camel, and disappears beyond the horizon.

It is a marvellous picturization of the famous novel "The Queen of Atlantis" by Pierre Benoit, and certainly lends a mystic charm by means of the elaborate and captivating settings which are thus enabled to greet our eyes. The setting is subtle and faultless, and the directors and artists alike are to be complimented on their perfect rendering of a very difficult piece. To say that the scenery is wonderful, and that the beautiful Napierkova, the artists, finds a suitable background for her charm is to put it mildly. Acting, direction, setting, and plot seem to be but portions of a harmonious whole, and it would be difficult to say to whom the most credit is due. The author of the plot, Pierre Benoit, and his collaborator, Jacques Peyder, who made such a faithful screen version of the original novel, have certainly given us here a captivating story which will haunt us for many a day.



A picture in which Mr. V. J. ... is the star. It is to be shown shortly.

THE "VIRGIN QUEEN"

LADY DIANA COOPER'S NEW FILM.

For several reasons the film "The Virgin Queen," which was shown for the first time at the Empire Theatre, Leicester-square, last month, is of far greater importance than the average stage play.

In the first place it is largely an "all-British" production. In the second place some interesting experiments have been made with Prisma natural colours and tint. In the third place the scenes, interiors as well as exteriors, have been taken and photographed in the castles, abbeys, and palaces of the Elizabethan period which still exist. The result is a picture which really reflects old-world England. In fact, the whole film is exceptionally picturesque.

The tale of how good Queen Bess renounced her love for a man because of her love for England is a long way from being in accordance with the history books. But there is plenty of dramatic incident, plot and counter-plot, duels, romance, and adventure. And at least the authors have not travestied history. They have treated great historical personages with dignity—which is rare in the cinema theatre.

Lady Diana Cooper has played the Queen. She is a long way from being Elizabeth as most of us conceive her to have been—for one thing Elizabeth was not exactly a beauty, according to the history books. But Lady Diana shows more impressively than in any of her previous work that she deserves her place as a film star because of her abilities as an actress, not merely because she is a celebrity of society.

BALZAC AND THE KINEMA.

The latest recruit to the ranks of unwitting scenario writers is Honoré de Balzac, whose romance of "La Duchesse de Langeais" has somehow turned and twisted and curtailed itself into the "latest starring vehicle" for Miss Norma Talmadge, called in the curious language of film-makers "The Eternal Flame." It is even responsible for a "lyric" about beams and dreams and love-light in the eyes which accompanies the picture and underlines the sentiment with a heavy hand; and it gives the occasion for the flashing of many thousands of pounds' worth of diamonds lit by the most expensive electric system in Los Angeles in the hands of an incredible number of electricians.

Miss Talmadge never did believe in spoiling her ship for a ha'porth of anything. "The Eternal Flame," with its unforgivable happy ending, is so very much more the "star" than it is Balzac that one can only be thankful that Miss Talmadge is one of the most competent of the American film actresses—indeed the whole cast is a solidly competent one—and if she never rises to any heights of genius she can break hearts, and crush rivals, and breathe penitence in a nunnery, and return to the world a sadder and a better woman with something very like conviction.

CHINESE TRAVEL FILMS.

USEFUL CINEMA PROPAGANDA.

All countries and certainly all British Colonies will not be above paying attention to an interesting experiment just carried out jointly by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the London Missionary Society and the Church Missionary Society. The value of the innovation need not be depreciated because it is under religious auspices.

Entitled "The Telling Millions of Modern China," a film representing every-day scenes in the life of the working masses of China is now being shown at the Central Y.M.C.A. buildings in Tottenham Court Road. Apparently the main incidents are taken from Hongkong, Canton, Amoy and Fookow, Hangchow and Shanghai, the North China provinces, and Tientsin and Peking, and the films, as they are shown are described by well-known lecturers on China. In securing the pictures the aim has been to give as faithful and as adequate an account as possible of the teeming life, growing industry and changing habits of the people under Western influence. In this way it is hoped to broaden the bond of sympathy with China and to call attention to her problems.

The street scenes were particularly effective, and there is no doubt that the spectators were impressed by the never-ending stream of pedestrians and manual labourers who abound, and especially by the wheelbarrow traffic which carries both people and heavy goods. Undoubtedly the ordinary onlooker, unconversed with the East, obtains from the pictures shown an almost nightmare sense of Chinese congested life and labour. It is difficult to say what impresses the ordinary British spectator in pictures of this nature. No doubt he is impressed by the strength of the Chinese worker, in view of the gigantic proportions of the burdens which have to be pushed about and carried. He is also impressed with the extent to which female labour is used, and by the explanations of the lecturers, that the daily wage varies from eightpence to twopenny per day, and the hours begin at half-past four in the morning and only end late at sunset.

The films show the modern improvements brought about by the permeating of Western influence. They reproduce the large number of Christian schools and colleges, as well as the institutions for the blind, who are taught weaving and basket work. Perhaps they too, lay stress on the fact that much of Chinese architecture is comparatively new; that many bridges and buildings have solid foundations of wood, which in time become rotten, and so compel complete reconstruction. The film shows the essentially modernized parts of certain of the large towns; indeed there is a curious intermingling of old and new, as exemplified in one scene where Chinese trades unionists are in procession.

No doubt such a film has a great religious impulse, but it ought to have still wider and more beneficial results, because one must regretfully admit that there is great ignorance over here on the real conditions of life in the Far East. More useful propaganda, however, can hardly be imagined and one is a little surprised that in these days when all countries are trying to interest Great Britain as to their possibilities for commercial and other development, that it has been left to religious organizations to show the greatest enterprise and initiative. They certainly deserve all credit for doing so and if the film tours the country, as is likely, it will certainly draw big crowds.

DAYLIGHT FILMS.

NEW FRENCH INVENTION.

Open-air cinemas are already popular during the summer months in Shanghai and elsewhere. If the invention—described in a recent number of the journal of the Overseas Board of Trade for showing films in daylight proves all that it claims to be, summer should no longer be a slack season in the cinema industry.

It is known (says the journal) that experiments have been going on for a number of years with the object of devising some means of showing films in daylight. A recent French exhibition of films in daylight which took place in London is therefore of considerable interest. The apparatus in question is known as the Cinéjour, and is the work of a French inventor, M. Bertron, who has been domiciled in Belgium for some time and carried

out his experiments in that country. A British firm of film exporters, bearing a rumour that success had attended M. Bertron's experiments, went carefully into the matter, and has bought the patent rights for this invention for the whole world with the exception of Belgium. A syndicate has been formed, known as the Cinéjour Syndicate, Ltd., 29A, Charing Cross Road, London, to which all inquiries as to the patent rights should be addressed.

Like most important inventions, the Cinéjour is quite simple in design, and the following details may be of interest.

Projection is arranged from the back of the screen, which consists of a simple linen sheet which has undergone a special preparation. The basis of the system consists of a series of "vokes" or deflectors arranged in front of the screen, with the object of cutting off reflected light. Their appearance is somewhat similar to the bellows of an ordinary photographic camera, the screen being placed at the smaller end. With a screen 9 feet by 7 feet the deflectors would extend forward in front of the screen approximately 12 feet.

These deflectors are black in colour, and being scientifically arranged, do in fact cut off practically all reflected light, so that,

looked at from the front in broad sunlight, the screen is no longer white in colour, but is of a dull gray appearance, and in fact hardly visible.

The result is that when a film is projected on to the screen a startling clear image is obtained. The back projection gives additional and important advantages, one of which is that there is no distortion or strain, however close the viewer is placed to the screen. A stereoscopic and most life-like effect is also secured, and the picture is remarkably visible even when viewed from distances exceeding those usual in the largest ordinary picture theatres.

The Press comments on the London exhibition of this system were exceedingly favourable to the new invention, and it is expected that the system will have a very great vogue. The pictures can be seen equally well either in daylight or in darkness, so that the system is admirably suited for use in open-air cafes. It is perhaps hardly necessary to set out in detail the many other purposes for which daylight films can be used, but their advantages in educational work and for industrial propaganda at trade exhibitions may be mentioned. It is gratifying that the spread of this system is due to the initiative and energy of a British firm.



Miss Lorna Ambler.

Miss Lorna Ambler, a pretty Australian actress at present in Europe is said to have had something to do with breaking up the romance of Lou Tellegen and Geraldine Farrar, the well-known film stars.

DOUBLE EXPOSURE.

HOW IT IS DONE.

SOME RECENT EXAMPLES.

With fiercely flaming eyes, the sheikly Oriental leaped forward. His whole bearing was menacing. His nostrils twitched, while his flowing robes shook with the anger that seemed to fill his soul. A snarl distorted his lips, as he lifted his hand, clutching tightly, to the level of his shoulder. For one instant he held it poised there, and then brought it down, as if to crush the tiny earthen jar which stood on the potter's wheel beside him.

The next instant I expected to see the vessel shiver and fall to pieces, but—

Instead the swarthy threatening hand seemed to waver momentarily, an inch above the dull gray of the jar's substance, then slowly relaxed. The sheik's face lost its hard lines and a half smile hovered about the lips.

"O'est ça! That's a sett!" A voice tinged with accent of French broke the stillness. The speaker, I noted (says a writer in the *Serendipity Magazine*), was not the director. No. It was the camera man, who had been gazing intently at the enacting of the scene, directly through the aperture of his instrument. He seemed to be in authority.

I had watched the proceeding—which took place, of course, on a picture set—attentively, but the purpose puzzled me. First of all, the wrath of the sheik, who, I afterward learned, was in reality a sham second, his sudden change of disposition, which had evidently saved

the newly finished earthen vessel from destruction; lastly, the camera man's assumption of command. What did it all signify? Why was the scene so incomplete? Was this all there?

And then I remembered that double exposures sometimes look rather funny if you only see one phase of them. I concluded that this—well, no matter.

To eliminate any dallying, it was a double exposure in the making, or rather a triple or quadruple and with trimmings. How complicated, photographically speaking, only a detailed explanation will indicate.

Mayhap you have viewed the finished scene already. It occurs in "Omar the Tentmaker," starring Guy Bates Post. It is not one of the tremendously important sequences, but it is an artistic bit of action, that pulsates with sentiment and fancy.

The setting is the potter's shop, where the "shapes of clay" materialize for the Persian poet. On one side of the room sits Omar, dreaming. He sees suddenly, glimpsing on the surface of one of the earthen pots a miniature, shadowy semblance of his beloved Shireen.

He beholds also the potter studying the result of his craft. In a twinkling this potter is transformed in Omar's reverie into his arch-enemy, the Shah. The ghostly robed figure rises, threateningly above the earthen vessel, while Omar's imagination conjures the figure of his beloved. The Shah raises his hand as if to crush the image. But as he starts to do so, the potter, himself, supplants the vision, and in an abrupt fit of dis-

passion—removes his own work. His action, of course, has multiplied strangely with the dream of the poet, even as actual happen-

ings like the shutting of a door, or the clanging of an alarm clock, become part of our own dreams during sleep.

There was a time, of course, when everybody was mad on the subject of dual roles. Producers and directors broke their necks to outdo each other in the number of such pictures. They had actors shaking hands with themselves, handing themselves books and papers, and—thanks oftentimes to the presence of a real living double—even falling on their own necks or fighting themselves.

No double exposure of this kind—provided it is a double exposure, and most of them are—can be made successfully unless the movements of the actor portraying the two roles are timed to the fraction of a second. In very difficult scenes a metronome aids in keeping the proper tempo, and always, when the action is in progress the camera man counts one, two, three, four, or even more. The actor will be instructed to speak on the count of twenty, to laugh on the count of twenty-four, to look insulted at thirty, and to "shake hands with himself" at thirty-five. Record is kept of this count, so that when the second exposure is made—on the same film, of course—the actions of both characters which a star plays, may, by identical timing, be made to synchronize. Even with these precautions a man playing two roles will occasionally get angry a bit too soon or become insulted too late, or else shake hands with himself at the wrong time—with very weird results of dismemberment, owing to the division of the scene into two parts. Then the entire proceeding will have to be gone through again.

"LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY." Picture technicians nearly all agree that one of the cleverest dual-role features was Mary Pickford's "Little Lord Fauntleroy." Here Miss Pickford played two widely varying characters, and in many scenes these appeared together. The young Lord Fauntleroy was seen to pass behind a chair in which Dearest, his mother, was sitting, and in one scene had apparently to kiss her affectionately. To celluloid the embrace, Mary as Dearest was photographed first. Then a silhouette of her face was cut out of cardboard, so that it exactly corresponded to the position of Dearest's head when she was filmed, and Miss Pickford as the young peer then had to place a kiss upon the cardboard lips, properly timed and photographed.

In nearly all such scenes, perfect as they may be technically, there is wanting the true objective—artistic reality. You know that one person is playing two roles, and in watching the adroit piece of technical business you lose sight of the meaning of the scene. It is a case of the house divided against itself, and no matter how furiously a person may seem to argue with himself, or how fervently he may seem to protest devotion for himself, you feel as if the dramatic action would benefit if the identity of the two characters were really distinct. It is for this reason that dual roles have lost their popularity with the best producers, and the technical wizards are turning their attention to a more imaginative type of film—the visualizing of thoughts and dreams and memories of poetic beauties, and above all to humour.

"GRANDMA'S BOY." Harold Lloyd, for instance, has found a new way to put kick in a punch. He uses a new kind of white mule—this in the Civil War sequence of "Grandma's Boy," where he makes a dizzy potation for the enemy generals. "If you have seen this picture, you will, I know,

recall the shadowy image of a mule, just after Lloyd has filled it with about a fifty-per-cent. jolt of a very energetic fluid, at present in exile. The particular glimpse of the mule cost no little trouble. This much I'll say as a starter. However—they didn't build a bowl to fit the mule and then try to put him inside of it. No, hardly. That would have been a uselessly expensive enterprise, even if the rambunctious animal could have been induced to stand for it.

First, the bowl itself was photographed close up. The camera had to be placed right above it looking down, so that none of the apparently precious punch would be spilled. Then the mule. A particularly temperamental one was secured. He needed only slight encouragement to start yawning, no one had to be in his vicinity at the time; not even the camera man, for he was photographed at a distance of fully a hundred feet so that his dimensions might appear to approximate those of the punch bowl. The film was, of course, run through the camera twice. The mule was tightly tied so that he might kick at his pleasure, but be kept from scooting out of focus.

DESERT 'HARDSHIPS'

"THE SHEIK'S WIFE."

One of the most interesting facts about "The Sheikh's Wife," the big Vitaphone special production, which is being shown at the Coronet Theatre this week, is that the whole picture was made in Arabia.

To accomplish this, the actors had to undergo many hardships. Several extensive trips by caravan into the interior of the desert were necessary. A base camp was established at a large oasis and with this as a starting point, many short location trips lasting anywhere from one to three days were made to secure especially beautiful bits of desert scenery. When it is borne in mind that when the sun shines, the temperature in Arabia rarely goes below the 100 mark, it can be readily seen how much suffering the actors endured to make this spectacular photoplay. Many times the hungry players were forced to eat dates and palm pith when they left camp to take these desert scenes. All in all, however, there were few casualties. Two of the minor players suffered sunstroke and another actor was bitten by a scorpion. The two principals, Marcel Vibert, who appears as the sheik, Hadjid Ben Rhedim, and Emmy Lynn, who plays the part of his European wife, both came through the grueling ordeal in safety, having suffered nothing more serious than a severe sunburn.

"The Sheikh's Wife," has proved worth the time, expense and trouble expended in making it. Henry Roussel, one of the best-known directors in France, had charge of the production. He has made it a masterpiece in every respect. The bare, treeless hills of the desert, the endless sandy plains and the palm-studded oases lend a colourful atmosphere to this picture which could not be duplicated anywhere in the world.

"The Sheikh's Wife" tells the story of a romantic young English girl who marries a son of the desert, a follower of the prophet, Mohammed. When circumstances force him to take a second wife, she has to make a fight for her happiness.



This photograph of Charlie Chaplin and Paul Neff was taken at Dul Moors, California, when they admitted they were engaged to marry, but failed to set a date for the ceremony.

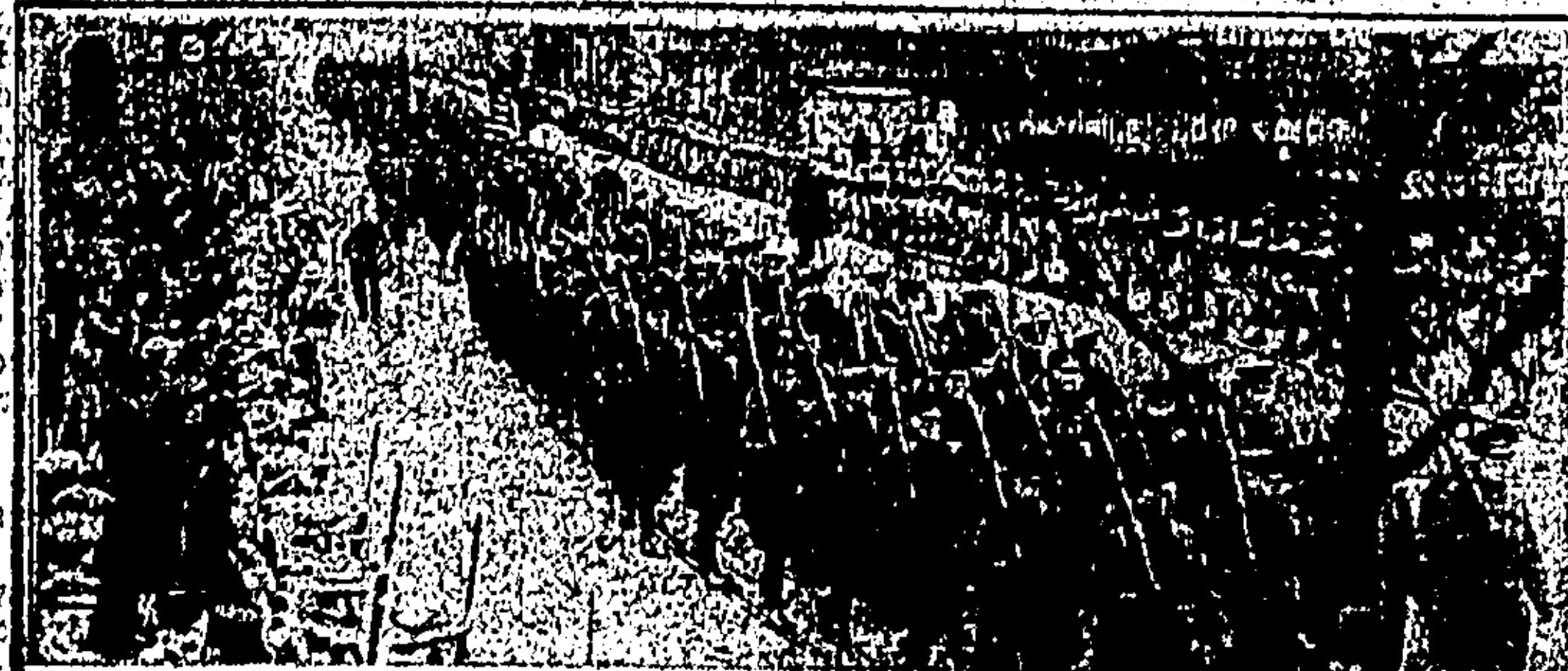


Mrs. Charles Gallagher & Yvonne Wilcox.

Thirteen years ago Yvonne Harriet Wilcox was born to Mrs. Grace Wilcox. Six months later Mrs. Wilcox and her husband separated, and the child was placed in the custody of her grandmother, Mrs. Charles Gallagher. Only recently did the child learn that her real mother was a woman she had always known as "Aunt Grace." Mrs. Gallagher has become so attached to the child that she is seeking, through the courts, to retain possession of her.



Found mysteriously murdered. The motive is not known but it is believed to have been jealousy.



The last of the American troops in Germany are seen marching between French lines through the streets of Cologne to Antwerp, Belgium, from which port they sailed for the United States. There were many sad scenes of parting at the train when Doughboys said good-bye to their German wives and sweethearts.



Stephen G. Porter.

Fighting the illicit drug traffic. He is trying to have an international congress called to check the manufacture of narcotics.



Has just celebrated his 46th year as newsboy on the same stand in his home city. He started the stand when he was 12 years old and has never had any other job.



United States Senator Miles Poindexter, defeated for reelection, is said to have been selected by President Harding to be the new American Minister to Peru.



Niece of "Buffalo Bill" Miss Claire Cody, is shown here standing before the design of the memorial to "Buffalo Bill" which will be unveiled in the Shoshone Canyon in Wyoming.



Poses in the costume of the Passamaquoddy Indians, in an art school. She is believed to be the only Indian woman posing for Indian studies.



Col. William Littauer.

Colonel William Littauer, American multi-millionaire, who failed in his effort to secure an injunction in Paris to prevent the wedding of his daughter, Catherine Louise, to William E. Doeller, New York motor car man, now intends to make a second legal effort to keep the wedding bells from ringing. The French civil courts dismissed his application for an injunction on the grounds that Miss Littauer was an American and free from the French law, which requires women to have their parents' consent to marry before the age of 21. Her father's appeal from this decision prevented her from immediately marrying the man of her own choice.

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